CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5   1.   A method for a Web browser to display a home page upon
            activation comprising the steps of:

            determining whether a default home page is presently
            accessible; and

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            displaying the default home page if the default home
            page is presently accessible or an alternate home page
            if the default home page is not presently accessible.

15   2.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said determining step
            includes the step of using a scheduler.

       3.   The method of Claim 2 wherein said scheduler includes
            time and day that said default home page is accessible.

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       4.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said determining step
            includes comparing IP address of a computer system
            displaying the home page with IP address of a computer
            system hosting the default home page to determine
25   whether the two computer systems are within the same
            network.

       5.   The method of Claim 4 wherein if the two computer
            systems are within the same network, the default home
30   page is determined to be presently accessible and if
            they are not within the same network, the default home
            page is determined to be presently inaccessible.

6. A computer program product stored on a computer readable medium for displaying a home page upon a browser activation comprising:

   code means for determining whether a default home page is presently accessible; and

   code means for displaying the default home page if the default home page is presently accessible or an alternate home page if the default home page is not presently accessible.

7. The computer program product of Claim 6 wherein said determining code means includes code means for using a scheduler.

8. The computer program product of Claim 7 wherein said scheduler includes time and day that the default home page is accessible.

9. The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein said determining code means includes code means for comparing IP address of a computer system displaying the default home page with IP address of a computer system hosting said home page to determine whether the two computer systems are within the same network.

10. The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein if the two computer systems are within the same network, the default home page is determined to be presently accessible and if they are not within the same network,

the default home page is determined to be presently inaccessible.

11. An apparatus for displaying a home page upon a browser activation comprising:

means for determining whether a default home page is presently accessible; and

means for displaying the default home page if the default home page is presently accessible or an alternate home page if the default home page is not presently accessible.

12. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein said determining means includes means for using a scheduler.

13. The apparatus of Claim 12 wherein said scheduler includes time and day that said default home page is accessible.

14. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein said determining means includes means for comparing IP address of a computer system displaying the default home page with IP address of a computer system hosting said home page to determine whether the two computer systems are within the same network.

15. The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein if the two computer systems are within the same network, the default home page is determined to be presently accessible and if

they are not within the same network, the default home page is determined to be presently inaccessible.

16. A computer system for displaying a home page upon a browser activation comprising:

a storage device for storing code data; and

a processor for using the code data in the storage device for determining whether a default home page is presently accessible and if the default home page is presently accessible, for displaying the default home page and if not presently accessible, for displaying an alternate home page.

17. The computer system of Claim 17 wherein determining whether a default home page is accessible includes using a scheduler.

18. The computer system of Claim 17 wherein said scheduler includes time and day that said default home page is accessible.

19. The computer system of Claim 16 wherein determining whether the default home page is accessible includes comparing IP address of a computer system displaying the default home page with IP address of a computer system hosting said home page to determine whether the two computer systems are within the same network.

20. The computer system of Claim 19 wherein if the two computer systems are within the same network, the

default home page is determined to be presently accessible and if they are not within the same network, the default home page is determined to be presently inaccessible.

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